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Amendments to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Claim 1 (previously presented): A recombinant polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A recombinant polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 41 (original): A recombinant polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 42 (original): A recombinant polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 and an amino-terminal methionine.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The recombinant polypeptide of <u>any of Claims 1, 23, 54, or 55</u>, wherein said polypeptide has at least one additional amino acid at the amino-terminus, at the carboxyl-terminus, or at both the amino-terminus and the carboxyl-terminus.

Claim 46 (original): The recombinant polypeptide of Claim 45, wherein said polypeptide has at least one additional amino acid at the amino-terminus.

Claim 47 (original): The recombinant polypeptide of Claim 46, wherein said polypeptide has a methionine at the amino-terminus.

Claim 48 (original): The recombinant polypeptide of Claim 45, wherein said polypeptide has at least one additional amino acid at the carboxyl-terminus.

Claim 50 (currently amended): The <u>recombinant polypeptide</u> of <u>either any of Claims 1, or</u>